

# CC Docket No. 02-6

## Request for Waiver

# CC Docket No. 96-45

Appellant: Calumet City Public Library

Applicant: Richard W. Gast, contact person

Billed Entity Number: 135498

Form 471 Application Number: 589175

Funding Year 2007 Form 471 'Postmarked Outside of Window Letter'.

I am appealing the following decision from USAC:

Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 05/21/2007, which is AFTER the 2007-2008 filing window closed at 11:59 P.M. EST on Thursday, February 8, 2007. USAC does not permit USAC to consider requests for Waivers.

### THE APPEAL to the FCC:

I agree that we filed outside of the E-Rate form 471 window. Circumstances surrounding the confusion on my part were that I was still awaiting an operational SPIN change from the following year (year9). When I received the SPIN change, I became confused with the 471 for year 10, and thought I had more time to work on it. I would like to point out that we depend on our E-rate reimbursement to a higher degree than many other libraries because of our financial circumstances and this denial would put a great financial strain on our budget.

There is a hope here at Calumet City Public Library that since this is the first time that we ever missed a form deadline, there is a provision for a first time offense of this deadline to make an exception, a sort of 'first time offense' exception. But if there is not exactly that exception, then I hope that an exception can be made in this case for a 'first time offense'.

I have worked with the E-Rate here for just 2 years now, and have not mastered all of the nuances of the program and sometimes these forms can be

confusing. Now I realize that you must file more than a year ahead of time.  
Please consider this appeal and allow the form 471 year 10 to be 'approved'.

Thank You

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